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2015/1
Country programme documents

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* that the country programme documents, including aggregate indicative budgets, for Madagascar and Mali (E/ICEF/2015/P/L.1-E/ICEF/2015/P/L.2) were made available to Member States for their comments and input from 10 to 28 November 2014, in accordance with its decision 2014/1 on modifications to procedures for consideration and approval of country programme documentation;

2. Approves on a no-objection basis, and in accordance with decision 2014/1, the country programme documents, including aggregate indicative budgets, for Madagascar and Mali (E/ICEF/2015/P/L.1-E/ICEF/2015/P/L.2).

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2015/2
Extensions of ongoing country programmes

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the one-year extensions of the country programmes for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the six-month extension of the country programme for Ethiopia, all of which were approved by the Executive Director, as presented in table 1 of document E/ICEF/2015/P/L.3;

2. *Approves* the two-year extensions of the country programmes for Myanmar and Papua New Guinea, as presented in table 2 of document E/ICEF/2015/P/L.3.

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2015/3
UNICEF work with countries transitioning from middle- to high-income status

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the growing experience of UNICEF in working in countries that have recently transitioned from middle-income to high-income status, as approved by the Executive Board through the approval of country programme documents and multi-country programme documents;

2. *Notes* that countries transitioning to high-income status often have significant populations of children that are still affected by multiple deprivations,

and that some of these countries welcome ongoing partnerships with UNICEF at country level to support the realization of child rights;

3. *Further notes* that countries transitioning to high-income status also contribute significantly to developing innovative approaches to the realization of child rights for their own populations, and may be sources of learning, expertise and horizontal cooperation for other countries, and further notes that some of them have been successful in mobilizing support to UNICEF regular and/or other resources from private and/or public sources;

4. *Acknowledges* the work of UNICEF to date in countries transitioning from middle-income to high-income status and invites UNICEF to work with relevant countries to prepare country programme documents or multi-country programme documents for consideration and decision by the Executive Board, taking into account national contexts of countries for which these documents are developed and other relevant issues, including financial sustainability;

5. *Reiterates* the UNICEF formula for allocation of resources,[1] which directs the majority of regular resources to sub-Saharan Africa and least developed countries;

6. *Decides* to revisit this decision in the context of the midterm review of the Strategic Plan, and invites UNICEF to present an analysis for the consideration of the Executive Board on existing experience in high-income countries and middle-income countries transitioning to high-income status as part of the preparation of the midterm review of the Strategic Plan.

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2015/4
Strengthening predictability of the UNICEF response to humanitarian crises: Proposal to increase the Emergency Programme Fund ceiling

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note of* the proposal to increase the ceiling of the UNICEF Emergency Programme Fund (E/ICEF/2015/P/L.4);

2. *Encourages* UNICEF to continue to strengthen its internal capacities and its coordination with national Governments, relevant parts of the United Nations system and civil society to ensure an effective, predictable and timely response to natural disasters as well as to ongoing complex emergencies;

3. *Takes note* of steps taken by UNICEF to build stronger links between humanitarian and development programming, including a greater focus on resilience-building leading to sustainable development, and encourages UNICEF to continue to do so in order to address the challenges of protracted crises and increasing humanitarian needs;

[1] As contained in Executive Board decisions 1996/34, 1997/18 and 2012/15.

4. *Encourages* UNICEF to mobilize sufficient resources through its work with partners to meet the needs of all children in both development and humanitarian contexts;

5. *Approves* an increase in the ceiling of the Emergency Programme Fund to $75 million per annum, effective in 2015, to be met through allocation of regular resources, to increase the ability of UNICEF to provide an immediate, effective and predictable response to the needs of children and women affected by humanitarian emergencies;

6. *Requests* UNICEF to continue to report on the status of the Emergency Programme Fund in its report on the use of regular resources.

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2015/5
Extension and expansion of the Vaccine Independence Initiative and its revolving fund

The Executive Board

1. *Approves* a five-year extension of the Vaccine Independence Initiative for the period 2016 to 2020, in accordance with the terms of the original document approved by the Executive Board in 1991 (E/ICEF/1991/P/L.41), and amends the authorized capitalization of the underlying revolving fund to $100 million, subject to the availability of specific-purpose contributions;

2. *Approves* the utilization of the expanded underlying revolving fund to support the timely procurement of non-vaccine commodities (including health, nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene, and education supplies) and to support contracting arrangements that result in a secure supply or reduced prices of vaccines and other commodities.

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2015/6
Private Fundraising and Partnerships: 2015 workplan and proposed budget

A. Private Fundraising and Partnerships budgeted expenses for 2015 fiscal year

The Executive Board

1. *Approves* for the fiscal year 2015 (1 January to 31 December) budgeted expenses of $111.3 million, as detailed in the table below.

(in millions of United States dollars)

Investment funds	60.0
Other private sector fundraising costs	51.3
Total special-purpose expenses	**111.3**

2. *Notes* that $20.8 million in Private Fundraising and Partnerships development effectiveness costs and management costs were previously approved in the UNICEF integrated budget, 2014-2017 (E/ICEF/2013/AB/L.4).

3. *Authorizes* UNICEF

(a) To incur expenses, as summarized in column II of table 2 of document E/ICEF/2015/AB/L.1, and to decrease or increase expenses, up to the levels indicated in columns I and III of the same table, should the apparent revenue from fundraising or cards and products sales decrease or increase to the levels indicated in columns I and III;

(b) To redeploy resources between the various budget lines (as detailed in paragraph 1 above), up to a maximum of 10 per cent of the amounts approved;

(c) To spend an additional amount between Executive Board sessions, when necessary, up to the amount caused by currency fluctuations, to implement the 2015 approved workplan.

B. Budgeted revenue for the year 2015

The Executive Board

1. *Notes* that for the period 1 January to 31 December 2015, Private Fundraising and Partnerships revenue is budgeted at $1,252.5 million, as shown in column II of table 2 in document E/ICEF/2015/AB/L.1.

C. Policy issues

The Executive Board

1. *Approves* allocation of investment funds, amounting to $60 million for 2015, and requests the Private Fundraising and Partnerships Division to provide annually, at the second regular session of the Executive Board, information on the allocation of these funds among National Committees for UNICEF and the country offices, as well as an analysis of the performance of income-generation activities three years after the investment funds are allocated;

2. *Approves* an interim one-month allocation for January 2016 of $13.21 million, to be absorbed in the annual Private Fundraising and Partnerships budget for 2016.

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